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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ECONOMIC SUMMIT

FOR AMBASSADORS OR CHARGES ONLY FROM COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT

1. FYI. NEW YORK MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OCTOBER 6
AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO THEIR PRINCIPALS TO HOLD SUMMIT
IN FRANCE NOVEMBER 15-17. THEY PREPARED THE TEXT OF AN
ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE ISSUED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN THE SIX CAPI-
TALS CONCERNED (I.E. NOT OTTAWA) PROBABLY ON OCTOBER 10 AT
11 A.M. WASHINGTON TIME. THE TEXT OF THAT ANNOUNCEMENT
PLUS AN ADDITIONAL TEXT FOR USE IN AMPLIFYING THE ANNOUNCE-

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MENT WILL BE SENT TO YOU SEPARATELY. THE EMPHASIS WILL BE

ON THE INFORMALITY OF THE MEETING AND THE OPPORTUNITIES IT WILL PROVIDE THE LEADERS TO SPEAK FULLY AND CANDIDLY ABOUT THE SERIOUS POLITICO/ECONOMIC PROBLEMS ALL OF US CONFRONT AND ABOUT THE BROAD APPROACHES FOR DEALING WITH THEM CO-OPERATIVELY. WE WANT TO AVOID ANY IMPRESSION THAT THIS SUMMIT IS A MINISTERIAL MEETING CHAIRED BY GOVERNMENT HEADS OR THAT IT WILL BE DEVOTED TO HAGGLING OVER DEADLOCKED TECHNICAL ISSUES. ALTHOUGH SOME SPECIFIC DECISIONS ARE NOT RULED OUT, THAT WILL NOT BE THE PRINCIPAL INTENT. THE GOAL IS TO GIVE FRESH IMPULSES TO ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS AND TO SHOW THAT THE LEADERS OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES ARE ACTING IN A COOPERATIVE SPIRIT. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR

WHETHER, OR WHAT KIND OF, A STATEMENT MIGHT BE ISSUED AT THE CLOSE OF THE SUMMIT. THIS WILL BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER DISCUSSION. THE REPRESENTATIVES ALSO AGREED THAT THERE PROBABLY SHOULD NOT BE FORMAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATION IN THE SENSE OF TRYING TO PRODUCE AGREED PAPERS OR FORMULATIONS. INSTEAD, THE EMPHASIS WILL BE ON INTERNAL PREPARATIONS WITHIN EACH GOVERNMENT AROUND A SET OF TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WHICH INCLUDE THE DOMESTIC ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IN EACH COUNTRY AND THE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN THE SEVERAL ECONOMIES, INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS INCLUDING TRADE AND MONETARY PROBLEMS, RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ENERGY AND EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS. ONGOING CONTACTS AND NEGOTIATIONS IN OTHER FORA WILL OF COURSE CONTINUE THROUGH THE PREPARATORY PERIOD FOR THE SUMMIT AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT EACH GOVERNMENT WILL CONDUCT THESE CONTACTS WITH THE SUMMIT IN MIND. IT IS NOW, HOWEVER, OUR INTENTION TO BUCK DISAGREED ISSUES FROM THESE OTHER FORA TO THE HEADS EXCEPT AS SUMMIT DISCUSSION MIGHT GIVE THE REGULAR NEGOTIATORS A NUDGE OR FRESH IMPETUS. WE EXPECT IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE TO ORGANIZE OUR OWN PREPARATIONS FOR THE SUMMIT THROUGH ESTABLISHED INTERAGENCY MECHANISMS.

2. THE CANADIAN ISSUE REMAINS UNRESOLVED SINCE DESPITE NUMEROUS EFFORTS BY OURSELVES AND THE OTHERS THE FRENCH HAVE NOT BUDGED. THESE EFFORTS CONTINUE AND THE SECRETARY HAS ASSURED THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR THAT WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CANADIAN PARTICIPATION. THE SECRETARY WILL PRE-
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SUMABLY BE EXPECTED TO COMMENT ON THIS SITUATION WHEN HE VISITS OTTAWA OCTOBER 14-15. END FYI KISSINGER

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